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SPRING 2012 CONSTITUENT UPDATE

Hello Everyone:

I would like to take this opportunity to report on a matter you may have read about in the Boston Herald or Newton TAB. The matter involved an individual I have never met, and who admits doesn't know me, who nevertheless alleged I was using unauthorized time from my position with the state for my service to you as Alderman. This individual began to circulate his allegations to the media even before he had submitted them to my appointing authority

I chose not to comment publicly out of respect for the integrity of the investigation of these allegations. However, I have been informed that the authorities this individual brought his complaints have completed and closed their investigations, having determined there is no basis to support any further action.

A supposed concern of this individual was that I typically hold a constituent hour the first Friday of each month when the Senior Center opens at 8:30 AM. According to this individual, I use this time for 'gladhanding'.

Had this individual attended the constituent hour he complained particularly about, he would have encountered a representative from National Grid whom I had invited to meet with small business owners in Newtonville with outstanding concerns from work conducted this past summer on Walnut Street. He would have also encountered a constituent looking for assistance to make better use of the T during her daily commute.

The fact is, despite what is often reported by certain media, many who provide public service in Newton do so diligently and honestly. Like myself, they do not derive any additional benefit by holding constituent hours or engaging in numerous other ways to serve their constituents. I appreciate the many constituents and colleagues who understand this and have been continuously supportive.

In the end, no matter what this individual's motives were, political or otherwise, I do not intend to allow attacks, particularly from those who spread such a cynical view of public service, to deter me from continuing to serve you as I always have and always will.